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Box No. I TITLE OF INVENTION

Inrichting en werkwijze voor het produceren van een gordellaag

Box No. II APPLICANT

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 Further applicants and/or (further) inventors are indicated on a continuation sheet.

Box No. IV AGENT OR COMMON REPRESENTATIVE; OR ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE

The person identified below is hereby/has been appointed to act on behalf of the applicant(s) before the competent International Authorities as:

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Box No. VI PRIORITY CLAIM

The priority of the following earlier application(s) is hereby claimed:

Filing date of earlier application (day/month/year)	Number of earlier application	Where earlier application is:		
		national application: country or Member of WTO	regional application:*	international application: receiving Office
item (1) 23 December 2002	1022246	Netherlands		
item (2)				
item (3)				
item (4)				
item (5)				

 Further priority claims are indicated in the Supplemental Box.

The receiving Office is requested to prepare and transmit to the International Bureau a certified copy of the earlier application(s) (*only if the earlier application was filed with the Office which for the purposes of this international application is the receiving Office*) identified above as:

all items item (1) item (2) item (3) item (4) item (5) other, see Supplemental Box

* *Where the earlier application is an ARIPO application, indicate at least one country party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property or one Member of the World Trade Organization for which that earlier application was filed (Rule 4.10(b)(ii)):*

Box No. VII INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

Choice of International Searching Authority (ISA) (*if two or more International Searching Authorities are competent to carry out the international search, indicate the Authority chosen; the two-letter code may be used*):

ISA / EP

Request to use results of earlier search; reference to that search (*if an earlier search has been carried out by or requested from the International Searching Authority*):

Date (day/month/year) Number Country (or regional Office)
8 August 2003 SN40475NL European Patent Office

Box No. VIII DECLARATIONS

The following declarations are contained in Boxes Nos. VIII (i) to (v) (*mark the applicable check-boxes below and indicate in the right column the number of each type of declaration*):

Number of declarations

<input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII (i)	Declaration as to the identity of the inventor	:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII (ii)	Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent	1
<input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII (iii)	Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim the priority of the earlier application	:
<input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII (iv)	Declaration of inventorship (only for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America)	:
<input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII (v)	Declaration as to non-prejudicial disclosures or exceptions to lack of novelty	:

Box No. VIII (ii) DECLARATION: ENTITLEMENT TO APPLY FOR AND BE GRANTED A PATENT

The declaration must conform to the standardized wording provided for in Section 212; see Notes to Boxes Nos. VIII, VIII (i) to (v) (in general) and the specific Notes to Box No. VIII (ii). If this Box is not used, this sheet should not be included in the request.

Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent (Rules 4.17(ii) and 51bis.1(a)(ii)), in a case where the declaration under Rule 4.17(iv) is not appropriate:

in relation to this international application

VMI Epe Holland B.V. is entitled to apply for and be granted a patent by virtue of the following:

i) GUTKNECHT, Heinz of Torenweg 26 - 8161 AT EPE - The Netherlands

is the inventor of the subject matter for which protection is sought by way of this international application.

ii) VMI Epe Holland B.V. is entitled as employer of the inventor:

GUTKNECHT, Heinz

ix) this declaration is made for the purposes of all designations (except the designation of the United States of America).

This declaration is continued on the following sheet, "Continuation of Box No. VIII (ii)".

Box No. IX CHECK LIST; LANGUAGE OF FILING

This international application contains:		This international application is accompanied by the following item(s) (mark the applicable check-boxes below and indicate in right column the number of each item):		Number of items
(a) in paper form, the following number of sheets:				
request (including declaration sheets)	5	1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fee calculation sheet		1
description (excluding sequence listings and/or tables related thereto)	24	2. <input type="checkbox"/> original separate power of attorney		
claims	9	3. <input type="checkbox"/> original general power of attorney		
abstract	1	4. <input type="checkbox"/> copy of general power of attorney; reference number, if any:		
drawings	8	5. <input type="checkbox"/> statement explaining lack of signature		
Sub-total number of sheets	47	6. <input type="checkbox"/> priority document(s) identified in Box No. VI as item(s):		
sequence listings		7. <input type="checkbox"/> translation of international application into (language):		
tables related thereto		8. <input type="checkbox"/> separate indications concerning deposited microorganism or other biological material		
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Figure of the drawings which should accompany the abstract:

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Dutch

Box No. X SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, AGENT OR COMMON REPRESENTATIVE

Next to each signature, indicate the name of the person signing and the capacity in which the person signs (if such capacity is not obvious from reading the request).

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